

GRADUATE

## Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (MPPGA)



The professional MPPGA program is distinctive as students are equipped with multidisciplinary policy analysis and design skills alongside subject-specific expertise in development, sustainability, and global governance.

Through classroom learning and real-world experience, MPPGA students gain a broad skill set that combines data analysis with policy tools, economic understanding, and communication skills. They also learn how to assess alternatives in complex policy scenarios, collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders, and lead cross-functional teams.

## Types of Roles

Policy Strategy

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Evaluation & Needs Assessment

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External Relations

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Global Security

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Government Relations

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Humanitarian Aid

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Sustainability Analysis

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Policy Design & Analysis

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Data & Economic Analysis

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Procurement Analysis

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Project Management

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Regulatory & Environmental Affairs

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Research Services

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Social Service Delivery

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Strategic Communications

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Technical Writing

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Students are available every May for 4 or 8-month paid work terms, and September for 4-month terms. Hiring up to 4 months in advance of the start date ensures access to the largest pool of candidates.

In addition to building fundamental policy skills and knowledge, MPPGA students engage in simulations and interact directly with policy makers, clients, and stakeholders.

## Core Courses

PPGA 500: Economics for Policy

PPGA 506: Public Management

PPGA 503: Measurement and Data Analysis for Policy

PPGA 508: Policy in Context

PPGA 504: Policy Analysis and Evaluation

PPGA 509: Communicating Policy

PPGA 505: Domestic and Global Policy Processes

PPGA 510: Professional Practice in Public Policy and Global Affairs

PPGA 514: Research Design and Qualitative Methods

In the second year of the program, students specialize in one of three streams or design their own stream, and gain hands-on experience through client stakeholder engagement in a Global Policy Project, either in Canada or internationally.

**STREAM 1:**  
DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL  
CHANGE

**STREAM 2:**  
RESOURCES, ENERGY &  
SUSTAINABILITY

**STREAM 3:**  
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE &  
SECURITY

**Focus:** Economic and social change in Asia and other parts of the developing world, with emphasis on human security, poverty, and gender

**Focus:** Policy challenges and communicating innovative policy solutions related to climate change, renewable energy, food security, and more

**Focus:** Global economic governance, Asia Pacific security, human rights, human migration, and human security



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